

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A solid electrolytic capacitor comprising:
a porous sintered body of valve metal;
[a] first and [a] second anode wires partially extending into the porous sintered body, portions of the first and the second anode wires which project out from the porous sintered body serving as [a] first and [a] second anode terminals; ~~and~~
a cathode including a solid electrolytic layer formed on a surface of the porous sintered body; and
a conductive member for electrically connecting the first and second anode terminals to each other;
wherein the first anode wire and the second anode wire extend into the porous sintered body in different directions from each other;
wherein the conductive member includes a metal cover covering at least part of the porous sintered body; and
wherein the solid electrolytic capacitor further comprises an insulating member interposed between the metal cover and the cathode.
2. (Original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the direction in which the first anode wire extends and the direction in which the second anode wire extends are opposite from each other.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the porous sintered body is flat.
5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim [5] 1, wherein the metal cover is formed with a plurality of holes.
7. (Currently Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim [5] 1, wherein the metal cover is formed with a slit.
8. (Currently Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim [5] 1, wherein the metal cover is formed with a bent portion.
9. (Currently Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim [5] 1, further comprising an external anode terminal for surface mounting which is electrically connected to the first and the second anode terminals, and an external cathode terminal for surface mounting which is electrically connected to the cathode.
- 10-16. (Canceled)
17. (Currently Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim [5] 1, wherein the insulating member includes a resin film.
18. (Currently Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim [5] 1, wherein the insulating member includes a ceramic plate.
19. (Currently Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim [3] 1, wherein the first and the second anode terminals are anode terminals for inputting and outputting which enable circuit current to flow through the porous sintered body; and
wherein the ~~conductive member~~ metal cover forms a bypass current path which enables circuit current to flow from the anode terminal for inputting to the anode terminal for outputting while detouring around the porous sintered body.

20. (Original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 19, wherein the bypass current path between the anode terminals for inputting and outputting has resistance which is lower than resistance of the porous sintered body between the anode terminals for inputting and outputting.
21. (Original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 4, wherein a plurality of porous sintered bodies are provided; and
wherein the porous sintered bodies are stacked in a thickness direction of the porous sintered bodies.
22. (Original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 4, wherein a plurality of porous sintered bodies are provided; and
wherein the porous sintered bodies are arranged side by side in a direction crossing a thickness direction of the porous sintered bodies.
23. (New) A solid electrolytic capacitor comprising:
a porous sintered body of valve metal;
first and second anode wires partially extending into the porous sintered body, portions of the first and the second anode wires which project out from the porous sintered body serving as first and second anode terminals;
a cathode including a solid electrolytic layer formed on a surface of the porous sintered body; and
a conductive member for electrically connecting the first and second anode terminals to each other;
wherein the first anode wire and the second anode wire extend into the porous sintered body in different directions from each other;
wherein the conductive member includes an anode metal plate; and
wherein the solid electrolytic capacitor further comprises an insulating member interposed between the anode metal plate and the cathode.

24. (New) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 23, wherein at least part of the anode metal plate serves as an external anode terminal for surface mounting.

25. (New) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 23, wherein the anode metal plate is formed with a slit.

26. (New) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 23, further comprising a cathode metal plate electrically connected to the cathode and interposed between the cathode and the insulating member.

27. (New) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 26, wherein at least part of the cathode metal plate serves as an external cathode terminal for surface mounting.

28. (New) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 23, further comprising a metal cover electrically connected to the cathode and covering at least part of the porous sintered body.

29. (New) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 28, wherein at least part of the metal cover serves as an external cathode terminal for surface mounting.